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INTRODUCTION

NAFTA'S ECONOMIC EFFECTS: PLUS OR MINUS?

Henry T. King, Jr.

Our first session will deal with the basic economic aspects of NAFTA. Our first speaker, Gary Hufbauer, is an old hand at conferences. If you read *The Wall Street Journal*, he is almost always quoted, and we are happy to have him quoted here. He is also often quoted in other publications.

Gary has had a very distinguished academic career. He is a graduate of Harvard and Cambridge Universities and Georgetown Law School, and currently he is the Reginald Jones Senior Fellow at the Institute for International Economics. He is also the former Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and he was director of the International Tax Staff of the United States Treasury. These are esteemed offices. He publishes and speaks widely.

Our second speaker, Daniel Schwanen, is the Senior Policy Analyst with the C.D. Howe Institute, where he specializes in trade and investment. Daniel has had wide experience. He is the former International Economist at the Canadian National Bank of Commerce. He has been with Wood Gundy Private Client Investments in Nova Scotia. He is the author of numerous articles on the impact of free trade agreements and interprovincial economic issues. He holds economic degrees from the University of Montreal and Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.

Alejandro Nadal, our third speaker, is currently a professor at the Centre for Economic Studies at El Colegio de Mexico where he coordinates the science and technology programs and has published widely in Spanish and also in English. Alejandro has a law degree from the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico and has a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Paris, Nanterre.

